

Remarks:

Applicants have read and considered the Office Action dated July 28, 2004. In the Action, a Restriction Requirement was placed upon the application. Restriction was made between two inventions, namely:

Invention I, claims 38-66, drawn to a method of grape production; and
Invention II, claims 67-75, drawn to a mechanization tool.

The Examiner asserts that the inventions are distinct and the election of one of the Inventions was required.

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 38-66, drawn to a method of grape production, with traverse. Applicants assert that the inventions are closely related and may be searched and examined together. Moreover, the method utilizes the apparatus and the apparatus utilizes the recited method. Applicants assert that the Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn from the application.

A speedy and favorable action on the merits is hereby solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicant's representative at (612) 336-4728.

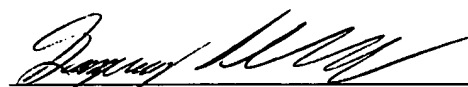
Respectfully submitted,

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